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PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

OF

JAMAICA, BRITISH WEST INDIES

This revised summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of Jamaica, British West Indies, became necessary as a result of new regulations issued by that country and has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to Jamaica.

It was prepared by R. G. Oakley, Supervisor of Export Certification, Division of Plant Quarantines, from the Customs (Importation) (Prohibition) (Fruit, Plant and Vegetables) Proclamation, 1949, and orders remaining in force contained in Bulletin No. 33 entitled "A Summary of the Legislation of Jamaica Relating to Agriculture and Forestry," issued by the Department of Science and Agriculture, Jamaica, in 1944. It was reviewed by the Director of Agriculture of that country.

The information included in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but is not intended to be used independently of nor as a substitute for the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative. The original orders and proclamations should be consulted for the exact texts.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

"Cap. 350, The Protection from Disease (Plants) Law 1925," empowers the Governor to promulgate orders prohibiting or regulating the importation of plants, articles, or things likely to be the means of introducing or spreading plant disease in the island.

Law 34 of 1939 (The Customs Law, 1939), Section 38, empowers the Governor to prohibit or regulate the importation of goods by proclamation. Section 39 of this law, which is subject to amendment by proclamation under Section 38, describes the goods the importation of which is prohibited.

SUMMARY

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Shipments of fruits and vegetables (except onions, seeds, and dried products which require no certification) must be accompanied by a Federal phytosanitary certificate. (See paragraph 2.)

Import permits must be obtained in advance for importation of bees, honey, unhusked coconuts, cottonseed, plants and parts of plants (except seeds) for propagation. (See paragraphs 4, 5a, and 8.)

IMPORTATION PROHIBITED

1. The importation of the following articles is prohibited by the laws cited:

- a. CITRUS CRATES used as containers for bottles or other merchandise. (Proclamation of December 18, 1939.)
- b. COFFEE (*Coffea* spp.) beans or ground coffee, roasted or unroasted, except roasted coffee by a permit from the Collector General. (Proclamation of December 18, 1941.)
- c. COPRA, except by permission of the Colonial Secretary. (P.R. & R. 1945, p. 99 (April 26, 1945.))

1/ This summary omits certain import restrictions of Jamaica which are not applicable to importations of plants or plant products from the United States.

- d. CORNMEAL. (Proclamation of August 15, 1939.)
- e. UNPROCESSED PLANT PARTS or of EARTH or SOIL except as permitted by the Proclamation of October 11, 1949. (See regulations below.)

IMPORTATION RESTRICTED

(Customs (Importation) (Prohibition) (Fruit, Plant and Vegetables) Proclamation of October 11, 1949.)

Fruits and Vegetables

2. The importation from the United States of all fresh fruits and vegetables for consumption in the Island (except citrus fruits or any parts thereof) (see paragraph 2b) shall be allowed, subject to the following conditions:

Phytosanitary Certificate Required

- a. Shipments must be accompanied by a certificate issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, stating they are home grown, fresh, clean, and believed to be free of pests and diseases.
- b. Citrus fruit for consumption at the United States bases in the Island may be imported if certified as coming from the United States and believed to be free of pest or disease, but is otherwise prohibited.

Potatoes

- c. Certificates for potatoes (Solanum tuberosum L.) must also state that the potatoes are not infested by potato wart (Synchytrium endobioticum (Schilb.) Perc.), and that this disease does not occur within five miles of their place of origin; also that the potatoes are not infected by bacterial ring rot (Corynebacterium sepe-donicum (Spiekermann & Kotthoff) Skaptason & Burkholder). Note: The ring rot disease is widespread in the United States and inspection methods usually employed at ports may not reveal its presence, consequently the required certification is equivalent to an embargo except as follows:

Provided, that potatoes for consumption at the United States Bases need not be specially certified with regard to potato wart or bacterial ring rot.

Inspection Required

- d. Importers of the produce referred to in sub-paragraph (a) must notify the Director of Agriculture prior to or within twenty-four hours of its arrival and the produce shall be subject to inspection and if infected with pest or disease may be treated to destroy such pest or disease or may itself be destroyed without compensation.
- e. The Director of Agriculture may import samples of fruits and vegetables for scientific and experimental purposes, notwithstanding above regulations.

Dried Fruit and Vegetables,
Grain, Seeds, Onions, etc.

- f. Dried fruit and vegetables, grains, seeds, and onions (Allium spp.) may be imported without a permit, or certification.

Seed Potatoes

- 3. Seed potatoes may only be imported into the Island by the Commissioner of Commerce and Industries and the Irish Potato Growers Co-operative Limited, and shall be subject to the same conditions as set out in paragraph 2c of these regulations.

Coconuts and Cottonseed

- 4. Coconuts in the husk and cottonseed may only be imported into the Island by permission of the Director of Agriculture and under such conditions as he may impose.

Plants or Parts Thereof

- 5. Plants or plant parts (any tree, plant, root, herb, grass, cuttings, buds, or grafts, or part thereof respectively, or any soil, article, coverings or packages in which the same may be enclosed, packed or otherwise contained) from the United States are only permitted entry at the port or airport of Kingston, provided that:

- a. A written permit granted by the Director of Agriculture is required prior to importation. The permit shall be in the form of a label and shall be forwarded by the importer to the supplier or shall be previously obtained by the importer if accompanying the plants or plant parts on arrival and shall be attached to each package containing the plants or plant parts.
- b. All plants or plant parts shall be subject to inspection on arrival and to such fumigation and disinfection as

may be considered necessary by the Director of Agriculture or his representative and shall be destroyed without compensation if necessary to prevent the spread of pests and diseases.

- c. Any plants or plant parts imported contrary to these regulations may be destroyed.

Fodder and Litter

6. Fodder and litter may be imported in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Diseases (Importation) Control Regulations, 1948.

Hay and Straw

7. Hay, straw, and other unprocessed plant materials used for packing may be imported subject to inspection, but may be destroyed without compensation if in the opinion of the Director of Agriculture or his representative they are considered liable to introduce pests or diseases or noxious weeds.

Bees and Honey

(Cap. 345, The Bees Importation, Protection and Transportation Law and Proclamation of March 12, 1942.)

8. The importation of bees, honey, or beekeeper's stock is prohibited without a written permit from the Director of Agriculture.